

## ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia held at  
"The Brew House" (Fosters Brewing & CUB), Corner of Thompson and Nelson Streets,  
Abbotsford on Thursday, 30 November at 1: 30 pm. 2000

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### 1. Roll Call of Officers and Delegates

#### Officers:

President/Chairman	A. Forrest
Vice President	K. Roche
Board Member	P. Kennedy
Board Member	E. Canty
Board Member	R. Scrimshaw
IAAF Representative	B. Bailey
Chief Executive Officer/Secretary	S. Allatson

#### Delegates:

Australian Capital Territory	O. Hennes	D Wilson
New South Wales	R. Doubell	J. Patchett
Northern Territory	S. Hatton	B. Shmidt
Queensland	J. Brady	R. Brandis
South Australia	T. Keynes	S. Keil
Tasmania	T. Mahoney	M. Bell
Victoria	J. Higham	D. Blyth
Western Australia	P. Bacich	Christian Porter

#### Also Present:

H. Summers	AT&FCA
M. Binnington	Athletics Victoria
A. Lord	Athletics Victoria
M. Scholes	Athletics Victoria
Chilla Porter	AthleticA
P. Sharp	ASC
P. Jenes	Statistician
S. Rofe	Brown & Co Solicitors

#### Staff Present:

C. Green	Marketing Manager
J. Hamilton	Finance & Administration Manager
J. Hellwig	Development Manager
E. Hooker	CEO Personal Assistant
S. Lock	Media Manager
B. Roe	Competitions Manager
L. Woodman	High Performance Manager

### 2. Reading Of Notice Convening Meeting:

- 2.1 At the request of the President, the Chief Executive Officer read the notice convening the meeting.
- 2.2 The President opened the Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia, welcoming all delegates.

**3. Obituaries:**

The meeting observed one minute's silence as a mark of respect for Gwendoline Isabel Bull, Maisie McQuiston BEM, Mabel Robinson MBE, Michael John MacDermott and F.H Bill Pizzey.

**4. Chairman's Address:**

The Chairman spoke to his written report in the Annual Report and reiterated the need to finalise and adopt the new constitution to further the interests of Athletics in Australia and support AA's drive to increase funding from all sources for the sport.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes:**

It was *moved* (P. Bacich) and *seconded* (J. Brady) that the Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting as tabled be taken as true and correct.

**6. Presentation of the Report of the Board of Management for the year ended 30 June 2000.**

The report of the Board for the period under review was taken as read and accepted. Given the editorial necessity to amend reports for inclusion in the Board's Annual Report it was *moved* (S. Hatton), *seconded* (R. Brandis) and agreed that Members and Committees submit an annual report, in Executive Summary format of no more than 300 words, to AA. It was further agreed that copies of the full reports be separately circulated to Members.

**7. Presentation of the Annual Report comprising Statutory Reports and Audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2000**

It was *moved* (P. Bacich) and *seconded* (S. Hatton) that the Statutory Reports and Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2000 as presented be accepted.

**8. Presentation of Reports of Officers, Standing Committees and Commissions:**

- 8.1 National Constitution Officer
- 8.2 National Records Officer
- 8.3 National Statistician
- 8.4 Track & Field Commission
- 8.5 Cross Country & Road Running Commission
- 8.6 Walking Commission
- 8.7 Junior Development Commission
- 8.8 Coaching Commission
- 8.9 International Tours Commission
- 8.10 Doping Commission
- 8.11 Athletes Commission
- 8.12 National Development & Administration Commission
- 8.13 Marketing and Media Commission
- 8.14 Officials Sub-Commission
- 8.15 Facilities & Equipment Commission
- 8.16 Selection Committee – Track & Field
- 8.17 Selection Committee – Cross Country, Road Running & Road Walking

## **9. Presentation of Reports of Member Associations:**

- 9.1 ACT Athletics
- 9.2 Athletics New South Wales
- 9.3 Northern Territory Athletic Association
- 9.4 Queensland Athletic Association
- 9.5 Athletics South Australia
- 9.6 Athletics Victoria
- 9.7 AthleticA (Athletics West)
- 9.8 Athletics Tasmania

## **10. Election of Standing Committee and Consideration of Nomination of Awards**

### 10.1 Board Positions:

The nominations of Ken Roche, Elaine Canty and Paul Kennedy were received and accepted. There being no other nominations, the meeting resolved that the three nominations be elected.

### 10.2 Honorary Committees Positions:

#### 10.3 Track & Field Selection Committee:

One member of the Track & Field Selection Committee, Brian Roe, Tasmania retires by rotation.

Nomination for this vacancy was Brian Roe, Tasmania

**Resolved** that Brian Roe as the only nomination be declared elected.

#### 10.4 Cross Country, Road Running & Road Walking Selection Committee:

One member of the Cross Country, Road Running & Road Walking Selection Committee, Pam Turney, Victoria retires by rotation.

Nomination for this vacancy was Pam Turney, Victoria

**Resolved** that Pam Turney as the only nomination be declared elected.

#### 10.5 National Statistician:

The National Statistician, Paul Jenes, Victoria retires and has nominated for reappointment.

**Resolved** that Paul Jenes as the only nomination be declared elected.

#### 10.6 National Records Officer:

The National Records Officer, Rhonda Jenkins, Victoria retires and has nominated for reappointment.

**Resolved** that Rhonda Jenkins as the only nomination be declared elected.

#### 10.7 National Constitution Officer:

Peter Brebner, South Australia retires. No nominations have been received.

**Resolved** that, given the progress towards a new Constitution, the position be left vacant.

## **11. Life Memberships and Merit Award Nominations.**

As there were no nominations no business was transacted.

## **12. Notices of Motion to Amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association, By Laws and Rules.**

As there were no motions received within the prescribed time frame, no business was transacted.

### 13. Consideration and Proposal to Adopt the Budget for the year ending 30 June 2001.

After a presentation of the Budget for the year ending 30 June 2001 it was *moved* and *seconded* that the proposed Budget for the year ending 30 June 2001 be adopted.

### 14. Auditors.

The change of auditors from Moore Stephens HF to Arthur Anderson was discussed.

The resignation of Moore Stephens HF as auditors was tabled at the meeting following the acknowledgement of their contribution as auditors.

It was *moved* (Chairman) and *seconded* (P. Bacich) that Arthur Andersen be appointed AA's auditors for 2000-01. Upon confirmation that Arthur Andersen had agreed to this appointment, the appointment was duly confirmed. A vote of thanks to Arthur Andersen was recorded in acknowledgement of the terms of their engagement.

### 16. General Business

The following general business was transacted:

- 16.1 Australian Half Marathon and Marathon Championships: the meeting was reminded of the convention that State teams be supported by AA to these championships.
- 16.2 Australian Championships: the meeting received the list of proposed championship dates and venues for 2000-01. It was *moved* (Chairman), *seconded* (P. Bacich) and carried that the schedule be approved.
- 16.3 ACT requested confirmation that there were no outstanding doping cases. Brian Roe reported that two penalties had been applied during the year. In both cases, a two-year period of ineligibility penalty had been imposed in accordance with AA's doping policy.  
AA was also administering to a minor doping (medication-related) matter involving a young disabled female athlete.  
The Chairman reiterated AA's zero tolerance to the use of performance enhancing substances in the sport.
- 16.4 At the request of WA, the CEO reported on the current state of AA's relationship with Australian Little Athletics, which was reported as being very sound and supportive of further progress towards a unified athletics organisation.
- 16.5 In recognition of Brian Roe's impending retirement from full-time employment with AA over 18 years, the meeting passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Brian for his long and distinguished service.

The meeting closed at 2:40pm.

  
Chairman

Dated